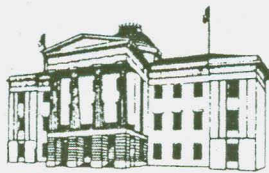


State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

2011

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a \$32 billion global industry that involves the recruitment, harboring, transportation or provision of a person for labor or services through the use of force, fraud or coercion; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is under-reported and under-identified, the United States Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons reports that 12.3 million people are in forced labor or forced commercial sexual activity around the world; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking was made a federal crime by the United States Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), which was reauthorized in 2003, 2005 and 2008; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina made human trafficking a state crime in 2007; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina has several characteristics making it vulnerable to human trafficking, including several military bases, major interstate highways and a large agricultural industry; and

WHEREAS, cases of human trafficking have been and continue to be identified throughout the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, eliminating human trafficking requires awareness and increased education and training to ensure that all our residents and communities are knowledgeable about this problem;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim January 2011, as **"HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH"** in North Carolina and I encourage all citizens to learn the signs that indicate potential trafficking situations and to report any suspicious activity to local law enforcement.



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twentieth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and ten, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fifth.